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Mr. Michael Cahill, T.D., Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2.

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"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if she will commit to providing ring-fenced funding to address the current and historic financial deficits experienced by voluntary disability service providers such as an organisation (details supplied)."

Details Supplied: Kerry Parents Friends Association

Dear Deputy Cahill,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality.

Kerry Parents and Friends Association (KPFA) is a Section 39 organisation that receives funding from HSE South West Disability Services through a Service Arrangement process. HSE South West Disability Services have on-going regular engagement with KPFA as part of the Service Arrangement process.

We are aware that KPFA has expressed concerns regarding its financial sustainability and the HSE South West Disability Services Team is actively engaging with KPFA to assess and clarify the extent of their financial challenges. Where exceptional circumstances have arisen, the HSE has provided additional funding to KPFA to support immediate cash flow requirements.

The HSE are currently working with KPFA with regard to their 2025 Service Arrangement.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Yours sincerely,

Ms. Angela O'Neill, Head of Disability Services, HSE South West.